(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government on the stand India will adopt at these negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) A Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products was adopted by some World Trade Organisation (WTO) Members, and States or separate customs territories in the process of acceding to the WTO, in Singapore on the expansion of World Trade in Information Technology. India has submitted its offer of an extended staging of reduction in import duties in respect of products covered under the Declaration for review and approval by the participants, scheduled to be completed no later than 1 April, 1997.

Seizure of Gold

3307. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise quantity and value of gold confiscated at each of the International Airports during the last one year;

(b) the number of smugglers arrested in this regard; and

(c) the details of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Production of Cotton

3308. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cotton production in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new cotton mills in view of the production of cotton in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal is also under consideration to set up more powerlooms in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The quantum of cotton production in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

In Lakh Bales of 170 Kg. (each)

1993-94	0.124
1994-95	0.116
1995-96	0.151

Source: (Ministry of Agriculture)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The Government does not propose to set up any powerlooms.

[English]

Delhi Share Market

3309. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation headed by the President of Delhi share market met the Prime Minister on December 19, 1996 and urged him to restore the Badla system to eliminate the stump in share market and gave many suggestions in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of requests/suggestions received by Government in this regard during the last one year; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Delhi Stock Exchange Association Ltd. has informed that their President had met the Prime Minister on 19th December, 1996 and submitted a representation containing various suggestions for the revival of the capital market. One of the suggestions in this representation related to the revival of the 'badla' system of trading in shares. Similar suggestions relating to revival of the 'badla' system and modification of the existing carry-forward system of transactions in stock exchanges have also been received by the Government from the Stock Exchange, Mumbi and some other persons.

(d) A revised 'badla' system of trading in securities was permitted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in October, 1995. SEBI is the statutory authority for regulating trading in securities in the Stock Exchanges. Government have referred the representation of the Delhi Stock Exchange Association to SEBI for appropriate consideration.

Reorganisation of Public Sector Banks

3310. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose reorganisation and retrenchment in some public sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details of such banks alongwith the proposal for reorganisation;

(c) the accumulated loss of these banks during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government have enquired into the affairs of these banks to find out the reasons for their deteriorated financial position; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Restructuring of NABARD

3311. SHRI DINSHA PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating restructuring of National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by the Government to accelerate private investment in NABARD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) In view of the need to strengthen National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for improving, inter-alia, increased ground level flow of agricultural credit, it has been considered necessary to enhance the share capital of NABARD from Rs. 500 crores to Rs. 2,000 crores over a period of five years. For meeting necessary statutory requirements in this regard, it would be necessary to amend to NABARD Act, 1981 for enhancing its authorised share capital to Rs. 2,000 crores. Further, the role of NABARD as a principal agency in the field of rural credit needs to be strengthened. For this purpose, NABARD has decided to set up a Board of Financial Supervision for rural financial institutions. With growing liberalisation of the financial markets, it is necessary to equip NABARD to play its role as a catalyst for rural lending and leader of rural credit institutions. For this purpose, it is proposed to amend the NABARD Act to remove restrictions on NABARD's capability to raise resources through the market, develop new instruments of lending and to enable it to invest its surpluses in such instruments as may be approved by Government.

P.M.R.Y.

3312. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for providing more opportunities of jobs for educated youth under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the role of banks as well as the State implementing agencies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been made for providing more self employment/job opportunities under PMRY during the IX Five Year Plan. Once the IX Plan is finalised, the proposal shall be firmed up.

Corporate Sectors Borrowings

3313. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDHIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the corporate sector borrowings from banks have been declinging; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how far it is attributable to decline in industrial growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that the net non-food credit of all scheduled commercial banks showed a subdued growth fo Rs. 14,395 crore (5.9%) during the current financial year (upto January 31, 1997) as compared with an increase of Rs. 31,615 crore (15.9%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. The growth in net non-food bank credit during the current financial year has, however, to be viewed in the context of very large increase in net bank credit in the two preceeding years. The outstanding non-food credit of all scheduled commercial banks increased by 59.1 per cent (Rs. 90,713 crore) to Rs. 244,224 crore between March 18, 1994 and March 29, 1996.

In viewing the growth of bank credit, the growth in total flow of funds to the commercial sector from banks and non-banks also needs to be considered. The total flow of funds to commercial sector both from banks and non-banks sources amounted to Rs. 67,956 crore upto January 31, 1997 as compared with Rs. 73,929 crore in the corresponding period of 1995-96.

[Translation]

Supply of Coal to Damodar Valley Corporation

3314. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Damodar Valley Corporation have demanded the Coal India Limited for supply of 5 metric tonnes of coal for setting up of power plant having 1000 megawatt capacity in Maithan Right Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?